

S. 3526 (H. R. 14734)

Foreign Relations Authorization of 1972

Section 601 - Study Commission Relating to Foreign Policy.

Comment: This 12-member commission with equal representation appointed by the President, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House, has a Hoover Commission type charter and its study would include the process of collection of information relating to the Nation's foreign policy and the methods of operation and powers of all agencies participating in its formulation and implementation. It presumably would go out of business not later than 30 June 1974 with the submission of its comprehensive report to the President and the Congress.

The requirement to report to the commission in response to their request for information could conflict with the Director's responsibility to protect intelligence sources and methods.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the provision be modified to permit the protection of intelligence sources and methods in the event of a conflict between the commission's need for information and the Director's responsibility for protection. (See attachment,)

Amendment to Section 604 of the
"Foreign Relations Authorization Act of 1972"

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POWERS OF THE COMMISSION

SEC. 604. (a)...

(b) The Commission is authorized to secure directly from any executive department, bureau, agency, board, commission, office, independent establishment, or instrumentality information, suggestions, estimates, and statistics for the purposes of this title. Each such department, bureau, agency, board, commission, office, establishment, or instrumentality is authorized and directed to furnish [consistent with law] such information, suggestions, estimates, and statistics directly to the Commission, upon request made by the Chairman or Vice Chairman.

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There is one remaining problem in the USIA/State authorization bill which we might be able to take care of in conference. The problem involves the so-called little Hoover Commission as described in the attached.

The Administration is opposed to the commission idea and is aware of our position, but I do not believe we should rely 100 per cent on their help. We have touched base with the Foreign Affairs Committee staff and they have suggested that we explain our position to Chairman Morgan and William Mailliard, ranking minority member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, who are conferees on the USIA/State authorization bill, and we will do so, subject to your approval.

Handwritten initials: JLM